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1. NEWSPAPERS SUMMARY

A. CHICAGO TRIB (JOHN MACLEAN): SECRETARY KISSINGER BEGAN FORMAL TALKS WITH CHINESE OFFICIALS MONDAY ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S POST-THANKSGIVING VISIT, SOVIET WORLDWIDE INFLUENCE AND KOREA. KISSINGER HOPES TO SEE MAO AND CHOU, BUT BOTH ARE AILING. NO BREAKTHROUGHS OR FULL RECOGNITION IS EXPECTED.

FM CHIAO WARNED OF A NEW WORLD WAR AND CALLED FOR A "TIT FOR TAT STRUGGLE" AGAINST AGGRESSORS. HIS CRITICISM OF DETENTE IS READ AS MAINLY DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. "U.S. OFFICIALS PUT A POSITIVE INTERPRETATION ON CHIAO STATEMENT THAT SINO-U.S. RELATIONS SHOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD."

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"KISSINGER REPLIED THAT THE U.S. WILL RESIST WHEN ONE NATION TRIES TO IMPOSE ITSELF ON ANOTHER, BUT WILL REFRAIN FROM SEEKING CONFRONTATIONS."

MACLEAN WROTE, "U.S. OFFICIALS TOOK AN UPBEAT APPROACH. THEY SAID INITIAL PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE CHINESE HAD BEEN RELAXED AND WARM, AND THEY INTERPRETED CHIAO'S REMARKS ABOUT CONTINUED PROGRESS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AS GETTING KISSINGER'S FIVE-DAY VISIT OFF TO A GOOD START. CHINA'S CRITICISM OF DETENTE IS AN OFT-TOLD TALE, THEY ASSERTED, AND MAINLY DIRECTED AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION. CHINA FREQUENTLY HAS ARGUED THAT THE SOVIETS WILL BRING ABOUT ANOTHER WORLD WAR LIKLY STARTING IN EUROPE."

B. LA TIMES (ROBERT ELEGANT): ELEGANT OF LATIMES LED OCTOBER 20 STORY WITH SUMMARY OF BANQUET TOASTS, NOTING THAT NEITHER SECRETARY OR CHIAO REFERRED TO SOVIET UNION BY NAME. CHIAO, SAID ELEGANT, "SHARPLY ATTACKED CONCEPT OF DETENTE", A "CORNERSTONE OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY", BUT NOTED "WITH ONLY THE SLIGHTEST QUALIFICATION" THAT SINO-U.S. RELATIONS HAVE MOVED AHEAD IN RECENT YEARS AND AFFIRMED HIS CONFIDENCE IN ACTUAL PRACTICE OF SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE. KISSINGER'S REPLY, ELEGANT WROTE, WAS "JUST AS PRECISELY CHOREOGRAPHED". THOUGH TAIWAN IS ONE OF THE CHIEF ACTIVE PROVISIONS OF SHANGHAI DOCUMENT, HE SAID, TAIWAN DOES NOT APPEAR A MAJOR CONCERN OF EITHER SIDE AT THE MOMENT. INSTEAD, CHINESE WERE CLEAR IN THEIR DEEP CONCERN OVER SOVIET THREAT TO ASIA AND EUROPE WHICH THEY DISCERN. IN TURN, SAID ELEGANT, KISSINGER RENEWED PROMISE TO RESIST (SOVIET) HEGEMONISM -- CAREFULLY BALANCING THIS WITH ASSERTION THAT U.S. WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT AVOID NEEDLESS CONFRONTATIONS. ELEGANT WENT ON TO NOTE THAT PRESENCE OF TENG AS WELL AS SITE OF BANQUET WERE "CLEAR DEMONSTRATION" OF IMPORTANCE CHINESE ATTACH TO CURRENT VISIT. HE SAID SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID HE EXPECTED NO SIGNIFICANT ANNOUNCEMENT WOULD BE MADE AFTER THE PEKING TALKS.

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A. AP (KENNETH FREED): "... KISSINGER MET WITH DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING TO WORK OUT ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT TO CHINA NEXT MONTH AND TO DISCUSS THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND BILATERAL ISSUES BETWEEN THE CHINESE AND U.S. GOVERNMENTS.

"TENG... SAID... 'THERE ARE QUITE A FEW CHANGES IN THE WORLD IN THE LAST 11 MONTHS. THERE IS, THEREFORE, A NEED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THESE CHANGES.'..."

"... AFTER LUNCH... TALKS RESUMED FOR A FURTHER 'REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION,' AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAID."...

B. UPI (RICHARD GROWALD): "... KISSINGER DISCUSSED
WORLD AFFAIRS WITH CHINESE COMMUNIST LEADERS MONDAY IN
TALKS AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN CALLED 'CORDIAL AND FRANK'.

"NEITHER KISSINGER NOR THE CHINESE DISCLOSED DETAILS. . .

"NEITHER AMERICAN NOR CHINESE OFFICIALS SAID THEY SAW ANY
DISRESPECT TOWARD KISSINGER OR THE UNITED STATES IN
COMMUNIST PARTY MAO TSE-TUNG'S BRIEF EMERGENCE FROM
SECLUSION MONDAY TO GREET THE VISITING WIFE OF THE
PRESIDENT OF MALI. . .

"SHOWING BOTH HIS JOVIAL PUBLIC SELF AND AWARENESS OF THAT
SPECIAL WAY THE CHINESE SAY A LOT IN LITTLE THINGS,
KISSINGER GRINNED WHEN. . . TOLD BY HIS HOSTS THAT
HE WAS BEING TAKEN TO THE ONE-TIME ROYAL 'RETIREMENT
VILLA' TO SEE THE ART.

"AT THE MENTION OF 'RETIREMENT VILLA,' KISSINGER SMILED.
HE TURNED TO HIS WIFE AND SAID 'THEY'RE TRYING TO TELL US
SOMETHING: NOTHING IS AN ACCIDENT.' . .

"U.S. AMBASSADOR GEORGE BUSH WAS GIVING A TUESDAY NIGHT
RECEPTION FOR PEKING'S FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC CORPS TO HONOR
KISSINGER. NOT B; ACCIDENT WAS THE RUSSIAN AMBASSADOR
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". . . FOREIGN DIPLOMATS IN PEKING SAID THAT BUSH,
BY INVITING THE RUSSIANS TO THE RECEPTION HONORING
KISSINGER, APPEARED TO SHOW THAT THE UNITED STATES CAN
PLAY THE SUBTLE DIPLOMATIC GAME THE CHINESE PRIZE."

GROWALD ADDED THAT "THE PEOPLE'S DAILY, THE OFFICIAL
NEWSPAPER OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, PUBLISHED A
PHOTOGRAPH OF MAO AND HIS VISITOR ON ITS FRONT PAGE. AT
THE BOTTOM OF THE PAGE, A PICTURE THREE TIMES SMALLER
SHOWED KISSINGER AND HIS WIFE, NANCY BEING GREETED BY
TENG AND CHIAO."

3. TELEVISION

A. ABC EVENING NEWS:

REASONER: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER MET WITH CHINESE
LEADERS TODAY IN THE FIRST WORKING SESSION OF HIS
VISIT TO PEKING. THE TALKS WERE CALLED CORDIAL AND FRANK.
IN DIPLOMATIC LANGUAGE THAT OFTEN MEANS NOBODY GOT ANGRY
ENOUGH TO WALK OUT OF THE MEETING.

KOPPEL: PROMPTNESS IS NOT NORMALLY ONE OF SECRETARY OF
STATE KISSINGER'S OUTSTANDING VIRTUES, BUT THIS MORNING

AT0:00 O'CLOCK SHARP HE ARRIVED ON SCHEDULE AT THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE TO BEGIN HIS TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS. FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS: SET THE PROPER TONE FOR THE MEDIA.

KISSINGER BEGAN IN A BANTERING VEIN, REFERRING BACK TO HIS ILL-FATED EFFORT LAST NIGHT TO DELIVER PART OF HIS TOAST IN CHINESE. "THE FOREIGN MINISTER," SAID KISSINGER, "TOLD ME THAT THE NEXT TIME I SHOULD TALK IN GERMAN. THEN HE COULD UNDERSTAND ME."

TENG HSIAO-PING, WHO IS EITHER RUNNING THINGS OR SERVING AS THE FRONT MAN IN CHINA THESE DAYS, WASN'T ABOUT TO RISK WASTING SUBTLETIES ON A GROUP OF AMERICAN NEWSMEN. NOTING THAT IT HAS BEEN ALMOST A YEAR SINCE KISSINGER'S LAST VISIT HERE, TENG SAID THERE HAVE BEEN QUITE A FEW UNCLASSIFIED

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CHANGES IN THE WORLD SINCE THEN. THERE IS THE NEED TO EXCHANGE VIEWS, HE SAID. IT DOESN'T MATTER EVEN IF WE QUARREL A LITTLE.

THERE HAVE INDEED BEEN CHANGES, AND THE CHINESE ARE QUITE OPENLY WORRIED THAT THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN THE MAIN BENEFICIARY. MOSCOW HAS MADE INROADS TO INDOCHINA, HAS SOLIDIFIED ITS POSITION IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND -- WORST OF ALL FROM THE CHINESE POINT OF VIEW -- IS NEUTRALIZING THE UNITED STATES WITH SUGAR-COATED VISIONS OF DETENTE. AMERICAN EXPERTS ARE ALSO CONVINCED THAT THE CHINESE ARE TOTALLY BAFFLED BY THE MANNER IN WHICH THE U.S. CONGRESS IS RIPPING APART AMERICA'S OWN INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY. THE CHINESE ARE NOT, OF COURSE, CONCERNED FOR AMERICA'S SAKE BUT FOR THEIR OWN. IF THE UNITED STATES IS WEAKENED, EITHER THRU ITS OWN INTERNAL ACTIONS OR THOSE OF THE SOVIET UNION, IT LOOSES ITS VALUE AS A COUNTER BALANCE TO THE SOVIET THREAT AGAINST CHINA.

B. NBC NIGHTLY NEWS:

CHANCELLOR: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER MET TODAY WITH MEMBERS OF THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. LATER HE ATTENDED A CHINESE OPERA ABOUT THE COUNTRY'S REVOLUTIONARY STRUGGLE; KISSINGER DOZED OFF AT THAT PERFORMANCE MORE THAN ONCE. BUT LAST NIGHT HE ATTENDED A BANQUET GIVEN BY HIS HOSTS AND, AS DON OLIVER REPORTS, WAS QUITE WIDE AWAKE:

OLIVER: AT THE FIRST NIGHT'S BANQUET, THE CHINESE MADE IT QUITE CLEAR THEY ARE DISSATISFIED WITH THE PROGRESS MADE IN U.S.-SINO RELATIONSHIPS AND DISTURBED BY THE DETENTE BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION. FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA CHARGED THAT DETENTE HAS NOT DEVELOPED TO A NEW STAGE, THAT IN FACT THE DANGER OF

A NEW WORLD WAR IS MOUNTING.

AFTER THE TOAST IT WAS KISSINGER'S TURN. (FILM CLIP OF SECRETARY) HE SAID THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND CHINA ARE APPARENT, BUT THAT IN THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT AMERICA HAS WITH ONE COUNTRY THERE IS NO INTENT TO THREATEN THE SECURITY OF ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

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THE FIRST NEGOTIATING SESSION WAS HELD IN THE MORNING OF THE SECOND DAY -- DR. KISSINGER MEETING VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING IN THE GREAT HALL OF THE PEOPLE. AS THEY POSED FOR PICTURES, TENG SAID IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO EXCHANGE VIEWS; IT DOESN'T MATTER EVEN IF WE QUARREL. KISSINGER AGREED, ADDING, "IT GIVES THE PRESS SOMETHING TO WRITE ABOUT."

WHILE THE MEETINGS WERE GOING ON, NANCY KISSINGER WAS SHOPPING AT THE PEKING FRIENDSHIP STORE, LOOKING AT ANTIQUES AND CHINESE PRODUCTS ON SALE FOR THE BENEFIT OF FOREIGN TRAVELLERS. SHE BOUGHT A SHAVING BRUSH, WHICH SHE SAID WAS FOR HER HUSBAND.

THE FIRST COUPLE OF MEETINGS BETWEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER AND THE CHINESE VICE PREMIER WERE SAID TO BE CRUCIAL IN PRODUCING AN ATMOSPHERE OF SOME TRUST. THE NEXT STEP WILL BE TO MAKE THE CONCRETE PLANS FOR PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT HERE NEXT MONTH. U.S. OFFICIALS SAID THAT THINGS WERE GOING WELL, BUT SOME OBSERVERS SAID THE CHINESE SEEMED TO BE MORE RESERVED THAN USUAL AND WORRIED ABOUT U.S. INTENTIONS.

C. CBS EVENING NEWS:

CRONKITE: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS BEGUN FORMAL MEETINGS WITH CHINESE LEADERS IN PEKING. THE AILING 77-YEAR OLD PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI STILL IS HOSPITALIZED, SO KISSINGER MET INSTEAD WITH 71-YEAR OLD DEPUTY PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING. TENG NOTED THAT IT'S BEEN ALMOST A YEAR SINCE KISSINGER LAST VISITED CHINA, ADDING THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL CHANGES IN THE WORLD SINCE THEN, IMPLYING BUT NOT MENTIONING THE U.S. SET-BACK IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. THEIR AGENDA WILL INCLUDE THE SINO-AMERICAN DISPUTE OVER TAIWAN, TENSIONS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, AND ARRANGING PRESIDENT FORD'S EXPECTED LATE NOVEMBER VISIT. AN AMERICAN SPOKESMAN DESCRIBED THE FIRST DAY OF TALKS AS "CORDIAL AND FRANK", WHICH USUALLY MEANS THERE ARE CONSIDERABLE DIFFERENCES.

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